thirteen Taluk Cutcherries, the General and Revenue Secretariat, the Government and the Central Prison Presses, the offices of the Chief Engineer and the Commissioner of Police, and typical district offices in the Revenue, Public Works, Forest, Excise and Judicial Departments.

(iii) & (iv) Two departmental enquiries were conducted by the Efficiency Audit Officer. The preparation of departmental manuals was undertaken and pushed through to various stages of progress. Rules regulating the destruction of records in respect of some departments were formulated and certain common forms were standardised.

It is not possible to enumerate at greater length all the suggestions that were made by the Efficiency Audit Officer or the action taken by the Government on each of them, as they lie scattered in as many as thirty-seven separate notes. These notes cannot be laid on the table.

(4) Rs. 17,000 nearly. This amount, however, includes the expenditure on account of the Nanjanad Vellala and the Salaries Committees also.

(5) (*a*) The office itself was only temporarily created and was abolished when it had finished the most urgent portion of its work.

(*b*) & (*c*) Such items of the officer's work as have to be pursued and completed are being attended to in the Secretariat.

(*d*) They do not at present entail additional expenditure.

Flavoured Toddy Arrack.

41. MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: (1) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have introduced a new pattern of 'country liquor' known as 'flavoured toddy arrack' for sale in the State from the beginning of 1098? If so, what are the reasons that influenced the Government in doing so?

(2) Has this liquor been subjected to chemical examination before it was issued for sale?

(3) How many shops have been opened, or are proposed to be opened, for the sale of flavoured toddy arrack?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: (1) The so-called 'flavoured toddy arrack' is only cocoanut toddy arrack which has been in use in the country and has been sold for many years. The only departure now made is to flavour it with a view to distinguish it from toddy arrack of illicit manufacture for which great facilities exist.

(2) The flavouring material is a harmless essence used in flavouring foreign liquor. A sample of the liquor was sent to the Chemical Examiner for analysis and he has certified that the liquor is fit for human consumption.

(3) Nine shops have been opened in Trivandrum and other towns.

MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: How many more shops are proposed to be opened during the year 1098?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: There are no difinite proposals before the Government just now.

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